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SUBJECT: Topic for Discussion at DCI Breakfast Meeting
with Secretary Weinberger on 16 July 1982

1. Further to our memorandum of 13 July on the Somali security situation, we suggest the DCI urge Secretary Weinberger to expedite military assistance to the Somalis.

2. In the face of the threat posed by the current Ethiopian military incursions into Somalia, the Somali government has requested emergency military assistance to enable its forces to contain the Ethiopian advance. We understand the Defense Department is considering this request and a parallel request from the U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu suggesting air shipment of arms and munitions.

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3. The United States is committed to assisting with the upgrade of Somalia's defensive capabilities. Since FY 80, \$60 million in FMS credits have been approved, against which the Somalis have ordered approximately \$58 million in equipment, supplies and services. The Somalis have ordered an additional \$18 million worth of equipment on which no U.S. commitment has been made. No significant deliveries have been made against any of these orders. It has become clear in recent months that Siad Barre's confidence in his ability to obtain meaningful assistance from the U.S. has been eroded by our failure to deliver on our commitments. Should we fail to respond to the current crisis, with both emergency assistance and a clear statement of support, our credibility will surely suffer. Siad's own position, moreover, will be undermined with a further deterioration in the stability of the region.

4. Attached are two papers prepared by the Department of Defense on the subject of military assistance to Somalia in the context of the current crisis.

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